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# Transfer of power

Between the still-raging pandemic and very real threat of violence, the inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris today promises to be one of the most unusual in American history. Biden and Harris will be sworn in at a smaller ceremony at the Capitol in a locked down Washington, D.C. Don't expect to see President Donald Trump, who has said he will not attend. *More on A14*

**As many as 200,000 flags representing all 50 states dot the National Mall in place of spectators. Officials are telling the public to stay away from the ceremony, which will be broadcast live at 9 a.m. by the major networks and cable channels and streamed on YouTube and other sites. Lady Gaga will sing the national anthem. Tom Hanks will later host "Celebrating America," starring Justin Timberlake, Jon Bon Jovi and others. More on A22.** *Joe Raedle, Getty Images*

INAUGURATION DAY

## Local, state and federal officials prepare for protests

**Maxine Bernstein** *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Local, state and federal law enforcement leaders Tuesday stood united with federal and state prosecutors in their call for a peaceful transition of power on Inauguration Day.

They said they'll work together to deny unlawful occupation of any government or private buildings in Oregon, keep opposing protest groups separated as much as possible and deter violence or property damage.

Oregon's U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said he was disgusted by the siege of the U.S. Capitol two weeks ago and declared that any "similar or copycat acts of violence in Oregon or elsewhere will be prosecuted with the same urgency for anyone planning on engaging in criminal conduct."

"You are forewarned," Williams said during a live media briefing posted on YouTube. "Criminal acts will come with a price. Political violence is not going to be tolerated."

Portland police have canceled days off, and crowd control teams from multiple agencies will remain on standby in Oregon throughout Inauguration Day to guard against outbreaks of violence, top officials said.

Portland police will work with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office in Portland, while state police are expected to concentrate on the Capitol in Salem.

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INAUGURATION DAY

## Oregon voters, leaders eager to celebrate

**Hillary Borrud** *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

In Oregon, which went decisively for Joe Biden over Donald Trump in 2020, a huge number of voters and many state leaders are preparing to watch and celebrate the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris Wednesday morning.

In the Portland area, many people are planning to connect virtually to mark the morning's festivities through social events large and small, since gathering with large groups of people from other households is still risky given the COVID-19 pandemic.

North Portland resident Wendy Schumer plans to hold a sparkling wine toast with friends across the country and around the globe over Zoom while they all watch the inauguration. Since Biden and Harris are Democrats, Schumer stocked up on a blue Italian sparkling wine.

"I've got friends form Norway watching, friends from Australia watching, I've got friends in Atlanta, friends from California, friends from Texas," Schumer said. "And we're all gonna cheer and toast … . Everybody's pretty excited about it."

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